

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims (to reduce filing fees), and to make the claims conform to the format of U.S. practice. None of these amendments is related to the patentability of the claims.

Claim 1 is an original claim.

Claim 2 is an original claim.

Claim 3 is an original claim.

Claim 4 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 5 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 6 is amended to eliminate the improper language.

Claim 7 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 8 is an original claim.

Claim 9 is an original claim.

Claim 10 is an original claim.

Claim 11 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 12 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 13 is an original claim.

Claim 14 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 15 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 16 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 17 is an original claim.

Claim 18 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 19 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 20 is an original claim.

Claim 21 is an original claim.

Claim 22 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 23 is an original claim.

Claim 24 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 25 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 26 is an original claim.

Claim 27 is an original claim.

Claim 28 is an original claim.

Claim 29 is an original claim.

Claim 30 is an original claim.

Claim 31 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 32 is an original claim.

Claim 33 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 34 is an original claim.

Claim 35 is an original claim.

Claim 36 is an original claim.

Claim 37 is an original claim.

Claim 38 is an original claim.

Claim 39 is an original claim.

Claim 40 is an original claim.

Claim 41 is an original claim.

Claim 42 is an original claim.

Claim 43 is an original claim.

Claim 44 is an original claim.

Claim 45 is a new claim.

Claim 46 is a new claim.

Claim 47 is a new claim.

Claim 48 is a new claim.

Claim 49 is a new claim.

Claim 50 is a new claim.

Claim 51 is a new claim.

Claim 52 is a new claim.

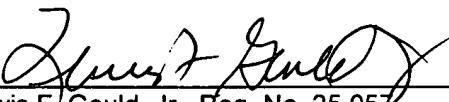
Claim 53 is a new claim.

New claims 45 to 53 were added to cover some of the combinations of the original claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 22, 29, 31 and 32.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

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